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- Fee Transmittal Form for FY2005 (1 page);
- Terminal Disclaimer (1 page); and
- Amendment and Response (Seventeen (17) pages).

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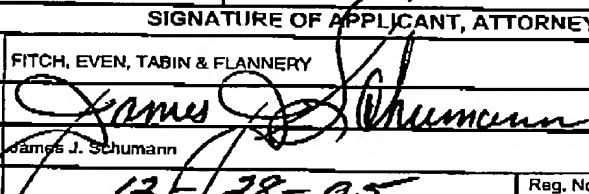
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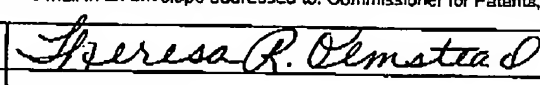
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	Art Unit	1639	
	Examiner Name	My-Chau T. Tran	
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For FY 2005**☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

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Multiple dependent claims

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31 - 30 = 1	1	25	25			
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